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July 7<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Holland Wood, Curator  
The Am. Numis. Society,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Is it possible to buy Part I, Vol. LIII of the  
Amer. Jour. of Num.?

The receipt of Part III, just to hand, was a sur-  
prise as I thought the Journal had gone out of  
existence some time ago, now I am anxious to com-  
plete this volume so as to get the paper on the  
State Coinage of Conn., and the Colonial Coins of Vt.

If necessary will gladly take part II as well.

On trying to identify some Conn. cents, which  
I have had for nearly 50 years, I found one which  
appears to be Crosby, 5-P, 1784, which he says is  
"unique" so far as he knows, but probably this  
later work may make me think differently.

Yours sincerely  
Geo H Clapp

Parcel post  
7/14/14 Rush

July 9th, 1924

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Woodland Road  
Edgeworth, Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Responding to yours of the 7th in the absence of Mr. Wood who is away on vacation, I am sending you, under separate cover, Part I of Volume LIII of our Journal, which sells separately at Three Dollars.

If you desire to have your year of the Journal complete, it would be advisable for you to obtain Part 2 as well - and for the two parts, the cost would be \$5.00. Part 2 is an article by Mr. Newell, entitled Myriandros.

If you have a file of our Journal and want to complete it, I believe that we could make an arrangement which would be to your advantage if you let me know the numbers you lack.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

GEO. H. CLAPP  
WOODLAND ROAD, EDGEWORTH  
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July 26<sup>th</sup> Pst.

Sydney R. Nor, Secy.,  
Am. Num. Society,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Nor:

Your favor of 9<sup>th</sup> July and Part I, Vol. LIII of  
the Journal duly rec'd. Bill has since come in and  
I enclose my Check in payment.

As I am confining my collection to American,  
Coins, large Cents and Colonials exclusively and as  
I have only two parts of the Journal am afraid it  
would be too large a contract to complete it.

Hunted up some Colonials I collected when  
a boy and find that one of them is a very nice  
Connecticut Cent 1787, 5-P. Crosby said that he  
knew of but one and marked it R<sub>6</sub> and Miller  
gives the same rarity. I probably picked it up  
at the toll-bridge for a cent as the toll taker  
saves all of the large Cents and "odds and ends"  
for a few boys who were collecting.

Yours sincerely  
Geo H Clapp

July 29th, 1924

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Woodland Road, Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Your cheque and letter received. Thank you very much.  
Congratulations on the discovery of your rare Connecticut  
cent. This is the sort of thing about which one reads! Per-  
haps you can hunt up some further rarities.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

THE HOMESTEAD  
HOT SPRINGS  
VIRGINIA

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>/25.

Edward J. Newell, Pres.,  
Am. Numis. Soc.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Your favor of 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct., has been  
forwarded to me here.

I hope that the Society will be success-  
ful in getting such medals from the  
Wilson Collection as they desire and you  
can put me down for \$100.00 towards  
this end.

Will be in New York the first of next  
week and expect to go up to the Society's  
building on Monday or Tuesday,

Yours sincerely  
Geo. H. Chapin  
(Home address  
Bewickley Pa)

October 24th, 1925

George E. Clapp, Esq.  
Woodland Road  
Savickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

There is a vacancy in our list of Fellows, and it would be possible to present your name at the next meeting of the Council if you care to consider becoming a Fellow. The difference in dues is fifteen dollars instead of five dollars per year.

The Fellows are limited to one hundred and fifty in number, and we are inviting only Associates who have shown a vital interest in numismatics.

Trusting the above suggestion will receive your favorable consideration,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

November 24th, 1925

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Woodland Rd. Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Penn.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

May I enquire whether you have reached any decision with regard to becoming a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society?

As I may have written you, the change from Associate membership to Fellowship would not affect your dues for the present year; but if your decision is favorable, I should like to have it so that we may include your name under the proper classification in the forthcoming Proceedings.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

GEO. H. CLAPP  
WOODLAND ROAD, EDGEWORTH  
SEWICKLEY, PA.

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>/25.

Sydney P. Nor, Esq.,  
The Am. Numis. Soc.,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Nor:

Replying to your favor of 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. I will accept the nomination as Fellow and if elected will go on that basis.

Have not had any request for the \$100 I offered towards the purchase of "Peace Medals" at the Wilson Sale and if they ran the prices up on those as they did on the Cent and Colonial as afraid you lost them. I was not at the sale but my brother said the bidding was wild and judging from prices obtained for some items, in which I was interested, I was about 100% too low in my ideas.

Yours very truly  
Geo H Clapp

Answered by  
E.T.N.

GEO. H. CLAPP  
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SEWICKLEY, PA.

Edward T. Needell, Pres  
New York

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1925,

Dear Mr. Needell:

Your favor of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. to hand and I take pleasure  
in enclosing my check for \$100.00 towards the purchase of  
the Indian Peace medals.

When I learned of the prices at which some of  
coins in which I was interested were sold I was afraid that  
the "stampede," as my brother, who was at the sale, put it  
might continue to the end and you would lose out. I  
congratulate you on your success.

Yours sincerely  
Geo H Clapp

December 14th, 1925

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

It is a great pleasure to me that at the meeting of the Council, held yesterday, you were transferred to the Roll of our Fellows. The change will not affect your dues until the coming year, however, as our rule provides that members elected or transferred during November or December do not pay dues for that year.

When you are in New York again, I hope that you will give us the pleasure of greeting you at our Museum.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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GEO. H. CLAPP  
WOODLAND ROAD, EDGEWORTH  
SEWICKLEY, PA.

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1925.

Sydney P. Nor, Secretary,  
The Am. Numis. Society,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Nor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.,  
Notifying me of my election as a Fellow of the Society and I  
want to thank you and the Council for the honor conferred.

In the last number of the Numismatist I notice  
that the Society has added a large number of plate Cata-  
logues to its collection. I have a considerable number,  
covering the last 10 years, that are of no use to me and yet  
I do not like to destroy them and if you wish will send you  
a list of them and if any are wanted will forward them.

My collection is confined to the regular is-  
sues of the U. S., principally Cents, and a small repre-  
sentative collection of Colonials, the only catalogs which interest  
me are Plate Catalogs of Americana. Do you ever get hold of  
duplicates that you can dispose of? Am particularly anx-  
ious to get the Borden, Bushnell and Sargent Plate Catalogs.

Last spring I had a small exhibition of coins at the  
Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh and they got out enclosed pam-  
phlet describing it. I got it up in a great hurry and as you  
can see it was far from complete, but it was the nucleus of an  
idea and I believe could be extended to make a valuable his-  
torical exhibit and a more complete list and description

would make a valuable, educational booklet. I was much  
impressed at the time my coin came on exhibition by the  
gross ignorance of really educated people as to the courage  
of the United States. I think most people assume that when  
Columbus landed he at once set up a coming, going and be-  
gan striking the dollar to suit you in use. The Trust Co.  
sent these pamphlets to the teachers of the public schools  
trying to awaken their interest, but nothing happened. The  
list of colonials is just what I happened to put on exhibition  
and if elaborated and written up better it would have much  
historical value, especially to the "Junior Coin Club" and we must  
educate the boys or we will have no successors.

Yours sincerely  
Bookless

December 26th, 1925

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Your letter of the 21st interested both Mr. Wood and me very much.

The pamphlet which you prepared for the Exhibition at the Museum of Pittsburgh is one of the happiest that I have seen. Its compactness and, at the same time, its adequacy for its purpose, appeal to me strongly.

For a long time, we have felt that something should be done by the Society for educating the younger generation, and it has only recently been discussed by the Council anew. The chief difficulty in starting your collectors is the prohibitive high prices for anything except the common cents. For the foreign series, no development is possible without a knowledge of either French or German; and the average boy in our High Schools has none too sound a foundation in either of these. In consequence, the problem is a complicated one. Have you any suggestions?

Thank you very much for your offer of Auction catalogues. Our collection is unusually large, but it seldom happens that we do not find something we need in such a lot as you describe. Would it not be simpler for you to pack them all up and send them to us? We could then either return those which are duplicates, or make such other disposition of them as you may wish.

With cordial wishes for the New Year,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

GEO. H. CLAPP  
WOODLAND ROAD, EDGEWORTH  
SEWICKLEY, PA.

Jan'y 10, 1926.

Dear Mr. Nos;

Replying to your favor of 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, I have no suggestions to offer on the "Coin book", the problem is beyond me.

As a boy my interest in coins was greatly stimulated by a book called "The Coinages of the World; Ancient and Modern", by Geo. D. Matthews and published by Scott & Co in 1876. This is the most comprehensive book on the subject that I know of and the engravings are really excellent. Better, I think, than photographs for a work of this kind. If these old cuts are in existence and could be secured this work could be brought up to date, or rather up to the World War as the emergency issues of the war period would stretch it to the size of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

If published as separate pamphlets, each one devoted to a single period, like Greek and Roman, or a country then a boy could buy either the whole series or any particular one that interested him.

I think that about the only coins that the dealers have pushed out of sight are the large cents and some of the Colonials. Gold and silver is still comparatively cheap, in fact I believe it would be possible to get a full set of half dollars, with the exception of 1496 and 97, for about what some of them ask for a single fine cent. There is an uncirculated 1799 cent now being offered for \$2500.00. It was offered to me for \$500.00 but I declined with thanks and the

price has now been reduced to \$2500<sup>00</sup>, I am waiting for  
the next education. It is a beautiful, red specimen  
and probably unique for condition.

Will get my duplicate catalogs together soon and  
send on the whole lot, you can pick out any you wish and  
dispose of balance as you see fit. I doubt if there will be  
any that will keep you.

Yours sincerely  
Foster

January 14th, 1926

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Woodland Road  
Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Your letter of the 10th has several suggestions that are helpful. The one proposing several handbooks for the various fields of investigation, had not occurred to me. It is common agreement that one for the United States is greatly needed.

Thank you for the catalogues which you are sending. I am sure that we shall find something that will help complete our files.

I have not forgotten that you want some of the early catalogues, and if I learn of any that are available, I will communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Librarian and Secretary

January 12, 1932.

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
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Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Penna.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Thank you very much indeed for the very handsome volume on the "United States Cents of the Year 1798 and 1799", which we received this morning inscribed with your dedication to the American Numismatic Society. This is one of the earliest contributions received by our library during the current year, and, if others equalling it in quality follow, the librarian will have a glowing report for the coming year. We very much appreciate your thought of our library and I hope you will permit me to offer my congratulations for the extremely handsome result of your research. Very few people realize the amount of time such an opus consumes and only those of us who know how painstakingly you have sought out each variety will realize the trouble to which you have gone in preparing this monograph. It is a very welcome addition to the all too few volumes on the coins of our country and I know that others who see it will add their congratulations to mine. I know you will feel that we are only too glad to welcome you when you come to New York. With best wishes for the New Year, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

EN:JG

Secretary

July, 22, 1932

Sydney P. Nor, Esq.  
The Am. Num. Soc.,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Nor:

Letter like yours of 12<sup>th</sup> January repay me for all the work put on the United States Coins of 1798-99, and I trust that users of the book will be equally pleased and find it so plain that they can, and will, use it for identification.

As I say in the Preface this book completes six of the 64 years during which the large coins were coined, and I hope it will encourage others to take up some of the remaining dates. Many of them will be comparatively easy as it will largely mean correcting the errors in Doughty and Adams.

The years 1804 to 1814 inclusive could be easily covered in one issue of your "Num. Notes & Monographs" as there are only 30 of them, at least that is all that we have been able to discover to date, so would not take over 50 pages, I think.

1795 will also be easy as only two have been discovered since Doughty's time, with the exception of a new variety of the "Jefferson Head" which has just come to light. 1794 will mean much more work as the varieties not known by Doughty are more numerous. 1796 is a "bad one" as Gilbert got badly mixed on some of them, there are several duplications and at least one of them appears to be "unknown". 1800 is another date that will cause trouble to any man with the nerve to tackle it. And when it comes to 1816 to 1819 there does not appear to be any end to the number of varieties; "the sky is the limit".

Very sincerely yours

Geo. H. Clapp

January 28, 1932.

George H. Clapp, Esq.  
Woodland Road, Edgeworth  
Sewickley, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clapp:

Your letter of January 22nd is at hand and I am interested in what you write regarding other publications similar to your excellent monograph on the Cents of 1798. I feel sure that we should be very glad to have you prepare a monograph for our series on any of the years that you discuss. Our President has repeatedly put himself on record as desiring manuscripts on United States issues and our publication fund is well able to take over such material. I suspect that you have in hand something that is already complete or nearly so. If the latter is the case, may I urge you to finish it and submit it to our publication committee at the earliest possible date. We should be very glad to cooperate in any way that is possible in obtaining further material and I hope my suggestion will receive favorable consideration at your hands.

Very respectfully yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

March 6, 1932.

Dear Mr. Nos:

Have delayed answering yours of 28<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. Hoping to be able to report something definite, and now think that you will hear from Mr. Newcomb before very long as I have asked him to write you direct.

I have done some work on 1800 but it is far from complete as I lack three of the described varieties and do not know when to get them. One of them I have seen but the collection containing it was sold and I do not know when it is now. The other two, while described by Doughty, do not seem to turn up, and those that have appeared in auction sales have always turned out to be something else.

Newcomb has made good progress on Andrews but has a lot of work ahead of him. I sent him 80 from my collection, which he returned, and I sent another lot about a week ago. That is working at long range as we are nearly 3000 miles apart.

Doughty was fairly accurate in 1804 to '14. I have sent the necessary corrections to a collector who was intending to publish those sales, but I have not heard from him recently on the subject so he may have changed his mind.

Yours sincerely  
Geo. H. Clapp